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Dear Examiner Williams,

Please find attached the Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form and Draft of Proposed Claim Amendments for Application No. 10/594,403 for the Interview on March 31, 2009.

Regards,
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Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/594,403 First Named Applicant: Christopher J. Caspers
 Examiner: Ross A. Williams Art 3714 Status of Application: First Office Action

Tentative Participants:
 (1) Sorinel Cimpoes (2) Ross A. Williams
 (3) Jeremie Moll (4) John Hotaling

Proposed Date of Interview: Open Proposed Time: Open (AM/PM) Eastern Time

Type of Interview Requested:
 (1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☒ NO

If yes, provide brief description: _____

Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>Sec. § 103 Rej.</u>	<u>Claims 1 and 54</u>	<u>Moody (6,007,066) and Jones (6,336,859)</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Arguments will be presented that Moody and Jones fails to disclose the claimed progressive award. For example, Moody and Jones fails to disclose a progressive award (a) in which a plurality of plays increases based on wager input and (b) that has an actual value determined based on the plurality of plays.

Proposed clarifying amendments to claim 1 will be presented. New claim 54 will also be presented.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on _____.

NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP §713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.


Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

Examiner/SPE Signature

Sorinel Cimpoes

Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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ATTACHMENT TO APPLICANT INITIATED INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

Application No.: 10/594,403

Applicant: Christopher J. Caspers

Filed: September 26, 2006

Title: Wagering Game Providing Free Game Play As A Progressive Award

Art Unit: 3714

Examiner: Ross A. Williams

Docket No.: 247079-000254USPX

Customer No.: 70243

Proposed Date of Interview: Open

Draft of Proposed Amendment for Discussion Purposes Only

1. (Currently Amended) A gaming terminal for playing a wagering game, comprising:
 - a basic game having a plurality of symbols that indicate a randomly selected outcome of said basic game, said randomly selected outcome being selected in response to a wager input by a player; and
 - a progressive game feature having a progressive award that is triggered by a predetermined event, said progressive award including a plurality of free plays increasing based on said wager input being received at said gaming terminal and other wager inputs being received from other gaming terminals, said progressive award having has an actual value determined by said plurality of free plays of said progressive award ~~follow-up game play by said player at said gaming terminal.~~

54. (New) A method of providing a progressive award, the progressive award including a number of free plays of a computerized game, each free play having a randomly selected outcome with a payoff amount, the method comprising:
 - in response to wagering game play at one or more gaming terminals linked to a progressive award, increasing the progressive award by incrementing the number of free plays; and
 - in response to a triggering event resulting from the wagering game play, awarding the current number of free plays associated with the progressive award.